

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please replace all prior versions of the claims with the following listing of the revised claims.

In The Claims:

1. (currently amended) An expandable stent A medical implant comprising: a cannula formed from a wall, said wall comprising at least a first layer[[,]] and a second layer, ~~and a third layer, at least two of said first layer[[,]] and said second layer and said third layer~~ being made of different non-synthetic, natural tissues, ~~said first layer being an inner layer, said second layer being a middle layer, and said third layer being an outer layer,~~ said cannula being further characterized by the absence of a synthetic support structure, wherein said second layer comprises a structural layer supporting said cannula against a vessel wall and said first layer ~~and said second layer comprise~~ comprises growth factors encouraging said vessel wall to grow within said first layer ~~and said second layer,~~ and said cannula comprises a plurality of openings extending radially through ~~a wall defined by said first layer[[,]] and said second layer~~ of said wall, ~~and said third layer,~~ said plurality of openings forming a pattern of struts, said cannula being expandable to radially support said vessel wall.

2. (cancelled).

3. (cancelled).

4. (cancelled).

5. (cancelled).

6. (cancelled).

7. (cancelled).

8. (cancelled).

9. (cancelled).

10. (cancelled).

11. (cancelled).

12. (currently amended) The expandable stent ~~medical implant~~ according to claim 1, wherein said first layer comprises small-intestine submucosa[[,]] and wherein said second layer comprises cartilage, ~~and wherein said third layer comprises small-intestine submucosa.~~

13. (cancelled).

14. (currently amended) The expandable stent ~~medical implant~~ according to claim 12, wherein a drug is incorporated with at least one of said first[[,]] and second ~~and third~~ layers of said cannula.

15. (cancelled).

16. (currently amended) The expandable stent ~~medical implant~~ according to claim 14, wherein said drug is Paclitaxel.

17. (cancelled).

18. (currently amended) The expandable stent ~~medical implant~~ according to claim 16, wherein said plurality of openings are formed by cutting through said wall with a laser.

19. (cancelled).

20. (cancelled).

21. (cancelled).

22. (cancelled).

23. (cancelled).

24. (cancelled).

25. (cancelled).

26. (cancelled).

27. (currently amended) The expandable stent medical implant according to ~~claim 19~~ claim 1, wherein said wall comprises at least a third layer in addition to said first layer and said second layer, said third layer being an outer layer to said second layer and said first layer being an inner layer to said second layer, said third layer comprising small-intestine submucosa.

28. (cancelled).

29. (cancelled).

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41. (cancelled).

42. (cancelled).

43. (new) The expandable stent according to claim 27, wherein said first layer comprises small-intestine submucosa and wherein said second layer comprises cartilage.

44. (new) The expandable stent according to claim 43, wherein a drug is incorporated with at least one of said first, second and third layers of said cannula.

45. (new) The expandable stent according to claim 44, wherein said drug is Paclitaxel.

46. (new) The expandable stent according to claim 45, wherein said plurality of openings are formed by cutting through said wall with a laser.